

WARNING!

The Arkansas Attorney General's office has given notice that it intends to greatly INCREASE efforts to enforce the provisions of "The Arkansas Underground Facilities Damage Prevention Act" Ark. Code Ann. § 14-271-101, et seq. The Attorney General has announced that failures to comply with this law will result in actions by the Attorney General to impose penalties of up to \$2,500.00 for EACH violation of the Act.

The Attorney General has stated that the primary focus on compliance will be in the following areas:

1. Providing One-Call with at least two (2), but not more than ten (10), full working days notice of "excavation or demolition" activities. Ark. Code Ann. § 14-271-112.
2. Hand-digging within the approximate locations of an underground facility, unless express permission to use mechanized equipment is provided by the facility" operator. Ark. Code Ann. § 14-271-110(a)(4).
3. Immediately providing Notice of Damages to the operator of damaged facilities and ceasing activities in that area until the operator has had a reasonable opportunity to accomplish necessary repairs. Ark. Code Ann. § 14-271-113(d).

Your failure to abide by this law could be VERY expensive!